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Serial No.: 10/028,039) Art Unit: 2857
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Filed: December 20, 2001)
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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR)
DISCOVERY OF OPERATIONAL)
BOUNDARIES FOR SHMOO)
TESTS)
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Commissioner for Patents
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R.C.E. AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed July 10, 2003, Applicants respectfully submit in a Request for Continued Examination (R.C.E.) the following amendments and responses to the above captioned patent application, as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 12 of this paper.

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